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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Robert M. Tomlinson

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo #16 – Veteran Procurement Goals

Please join me in co-sponsoring legislation which I am planning to reintroduce that would require the Commonwealth to set procurement goals for veteran-owned businesses. Such targets currently exist for businesses owned by women and minorities, but no such provision exists for veterans.

This legislation is a result of meetings and discussions with the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to educate and promote their program entitled "Vetwork Your Business." The program brings together veterans and businesses to help veteran business owners obtain contracts with large corporations, where veteran business participation is required in doing business with the federal government. I would propose a similar program to continue this practice at the state level.

The information below indicates the prior session's bill number and co-sponsors: SB 162 by Senators TOMLINSON , PILEGGI , SCARNATI , BAKER , ROBBINS , RAFFERTY , BRUBAKER , FONTANA , TARTAGLIONE , VOGEL, FERLO , BROWNE , WAUGH , WONDERLING , ALLOWAY, ERICKSON , GREENLEAF , STACK , COSTA , ORIE , BOSCOLA , LOGAN , WOZNIAK , MUSTO , WARD, D. WHITE , WASHINGTON and WILLIAMS

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Mary Walmer of my office at 787-5072 or mwalmer@pasen.gov.

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